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COUNSEL CRITICISES SYSTEM OF CHECKING PWD STORES

"Affords Breeding Ground For Corruption" Says Mr Hooton

PROSECUTOR ADDRESSES COURT IN SPARY-KWOK TRIAL

That it was the contention of the prosecution that the system employed at the Electrical Department of the Public Works Department regarding the checking of stores, store orders and estimates, did afford a breeding ground for a crime of the type with which they were dealing, namely a typical case of corruption, was voiced by Mr A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, in the course of his closing address to the jury in the PWD Larceny trial at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Before Mr Justice Reynolds on trial are Kwok Kwong, 46, foreman, and Austin Spary, 50, electrical inspector grade I, facing eleven charges of theft by public servant, obtaining money by false pretences from the K.B.G.C., and conspiracy to defraud the Government of money.

Before Mr Hooton commenced his address, evidence of character was called on behalf of Spary.

Lt-Col E. J. R. Mitchell, OBE, ED, testified that he had known Austin Spary for about twenty years and had known him for three years and eight months in a prison camp as commanding officer. "I would like to say that his conduct there was excellent," he said. "He was general handyman of the officers' camp, repairing watches, medical instruments and generally looking after the electrical supplies. He gave his services freely and voluntarily and was always willing to take on any kind of work."

Crown Counsel and Mr Percy Chen (representing Kwok) said they had no questions to put to the witness.

Mr Francis Brett, MBE, Senior Marine Officer, Marine Department, testified that he had known Spary since 1925. "Mr Spary and I were together in the Volunteers from 1925 to 1929 and were intimate friends," said Brett. "We afterwards joined the sharp-shooters company of the Police Reserve together. We later rejoined the Volunteers together and were in the prison camp together. Our families were on friendly

terms with one another. During the whole of my period of friendship with Spary I have known him to be his habit to help anybody who needed help or advice without a thought of reward and during the whole period I have known him to be shield himself in case of the suspicion of the possibility of anyone collecting sufficient evidence against him."

Mr D'Alton (representing Spary): Is he the type of man of whom you would be surprised to hear had been involved in anything criminal?

Brett: It has come as a very great surprise to me. Mr Hooton and Mr Chen did not ask Brett any questions.

ADDRESS TO JURY

Opening his speech for the prosecution, Mr Hooton said: Members of the jury: The whole of the evidence of this case has now been heard and it is now my duty to sum up the case on behalf of the Crown. As I said when I opened this case you will of course judge the guilt or innocence of the persons charged entirely upon the evidence which has been heard in Court. The speech which I am going to make is intended to assist you to come to the right and proper conclusion on the evidence and such parts of the evidence on which inferences can be considered to have been justifiably drawn.

As I said at the beginning it has been in fact a tedious case, and to some extent a sordid one, in which the reputations of some persons have not been improved. The sole matter for your concern is whether these two persons are guilty of the criminal crimes of which they are charged.

This is, of course, in the submission of the prosecution, a typical corruption case. The offences charged are larceny by Government servants and in the right sense of the word it is a case completely of corruption. It has in the submission of the prosecution all the features of a case of that kind: evidence of money passing, evidence of bills being made out, and lack on the part of certain prosecution witnesses to come forward to give their evidence. It has everything which one would expect in a case of this kind.

STRONGER CASE

Now at this stage I would like to say that all the evidence has been severely tested by cross-examination. All the prosecution witnesses have been subjected to most searching research into their past careers and activities. I submit that this case is far stronger than when I opened it to you over a month ago. The case for the prosecution was and still is that the second accused, Austin Spary, has been carrying on private contracting business in which he has authorised the employment of Government materials and Government labour.

Crown Counsel went on to say that it was the submission of the prosecution that the evidence was conclusive against Spary. When one probed into the account of his evidence, said counsel, it was the submission of the Crown that it was carefully and skilfully blended mixture of truth and of lies. The evidence against Kwok, he said, was overwhelming. Kwok was an indispensable cog in the series of ac-

ICY BLASTS STRIKE AMERICA'S WEST

Chicago, Feb. 7.—Icy winds howling down out of the Rocky Mountains whipped snow into huge new drifts today, forced the cancellation of many crack trans-continental trains and threatened grave new cattle losses.

Wide areas of the West, struggling against the worst winter in history, reeled under the impact of the new storm.

The Chicago and Northwestern Railway cancelled all through trains to the West except one.

At Omaha, the commander of the Fifth Army's "Operation Snowbound" said reports from county agents indicated heavy new livestock losses in the great plains blizzard area.

New storms hit California, Oregon, Wyoming, Nebraska and other areas. Roads in Wyoming, which were opened by Army bulldozer crews, closed again when winds whipped old snow into new impassable drifts.

In the Western blizzard area, it was estimated 4,700,000 cattle were in peril. Twenty-one thousand head of sheep and cattle were lost in one Wyoming county alone.

The new storms trapped hundreds of motorists and isolated dozens of cities and towns. Some trains were 20 hours late on the main lines.—United Press.

Burmese Troops Open Big Offensive

PLANES USED AGAINST KARENS

Rangoon, Feb. 7.—Burma Government forces today opened a full-scale offensive against the Karen rebels in Insein, 11 miles north of Rangoon. Pro-Government reports said Burma Air Force planes took part in sweeps and attacks on insurgent positions in the area.

Karen units of the Burmese armed forces in North Burma have been disarmed by the Government, according to tonight's official communiqué. Precautions were taken in various parts of the country and garnisons have been alerted.

The communiqué reported clashes between Government troops and Karen insurgents at a point north of Nyaunglebin, on the Rangoon-Mandalay railway. The rebels were said to be retreating to the north under heavy Government pressure.

British Embassy lorries today evacuated 30 Britons, including 10 women and 14 children, from Insein just before the Government forces launched a full-scale offensive on the town.

Other Britons decided to remain inside Insein. The evacuees said the insurgents holding the town gave them food and water while they sheltered in a school in Insein during the Government attacks.

Burma Government planes took part in today's offensive which began at noon, the deadline for the Karen to surrender. It was officially stated that Norman West, a reporter for an English-speaking newspaper, was captured by Karen while covering the Insein battle.

ORDER TO STRIKERS

A Burmese reporter, Mount Than, was captured by Insein insurgents at Insein and was believed to have been shot dead. Both newspapermen entered the fighting area on news assignments.

In Rangoon, the Government tonight ordered the 30,000 striking civil servants to report back for duty at noon on Thursday or be dismissed and replaced by loyal Government servants or new recruits.

Strikers paraded through the streets of Rangoon shouting in protest against a proposed cut in living allowances. The police arrested the leaders of the union which had called the stoppage.

Armed guards stood at strategic points throughout the capital and outside Embassy buildings while administrative offices were empty.—Reuter.

CHIANG GOING TO CANTON

REPORT

Shanghai, Feb. 8.—Chiang Kai-shek will go to Canton on March 29 to preside over an "important conference of the Kuomintang," says the Ta Kung Pao in a brief Canton dispatch.

The paper quoted unidentified "official sources" and did not say whether Chiang might resume the reins of government at the time when he is leaving his place of retirement.—Associated Press.

DELEGATES RECEIVED

Peking, Feb. 8.—General Yeh Chien-ying, Director of the Military Control Committee for the Peiping area, received three of 11 peace delegations from Nanking.

It was presumed the question of a settlement was discussed with the group of Nanking professors.

There is good reason to believe that the Reds don't attack much importance to this delegation except as a channel of communication.

Consequently, no real advance is expected until a higher level delegation from Shanghai, headed by elder statesman W. W. Yen, arrives.

As far as can be ascertained, five Chinese correspondents who came with the Nanking group are still confined to the West airfield, eight miles outside the city, where their plane landed yesterday.—Associated Press.

A Little Initiative From Soviet Might Help

MR ATTLEE MAKES A SUGGESTION

London, Feb. 7.—A "little initiative" from the other side of Europe would be of advantage in settling international differences, the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, said in the House of Commons today.

A Labour Member, Mr Ronald Chamberlain, had asked him whether "in view of the willingness of both President Truman and Marshal Stalin to meet," he would now offer to arrange such a meeting in London.

"A little energy and initiative might well move mountains," Mr Chamberlain said.

The Prime Minister replied: "The Foreign Secretary, Mr Bevin, has again and again taken the initiative. I do not know why you always think all the initiative must come from this country. A little initiative from the other side of Europe would be of advantage."

Mr Attlee said that as no official communication had been addressed to him by either President Truman or Marshal Stalin, he saw no purpose in intervening as Mr Chamberlain has suggested.

Premier Disagrees

Mr Chamberlain further asked whether the Prime Minister did not agree that the main obstacle—the refusal of either Marshal Stalin or President Truman to meet in each other's territory, and the desire of the President to bring Britain into the conference—would be solved by a meeting in London?

Mr Attlee replied briefly: "No, sir."

Mr Emrys Hughes, Labour, asked if the Prime Minister did not think the British Government should take the lead in world peace. Was he aware of the great cordiality with which the Russian sailors (from the battleship Royal Sovereign which the Russians have just returned to Britain) had been greeted in Edinburgh this weekend?

The Prime Minister replied: "I agree on the desirability of doing all we can to encourage world peace, but I am not aware that the best method is that suggested by Mr Chamberlain."

Mr Lewis Austin, Labour, suggested in view of the "failure in many respects of orthodox methods," personal pride and prejudice should be put aside and the three States get together and settle their differences if there was to be peace.

Mr Attlee replied: "There is no question of pride and prejudice."—Reuter.

SENATOR'S PROPOSAL

Washington, Feb. 7.—Senator Brian McMahon (Democrat) today proposed that President Truman and Marshal Josef Stalin stage a public exchange of views in radio broadcasts supervised by the United Nations.

In the Senate today, Senator McMahon said such an exchange should be carried directly to the people of the United States and Russia and should precede any new four-power peace talks.—United Press.

Silence Campaign A Failure

Singapore, Feb. 8.—A campaign to ban sounding of automobile horns failed in Singapore. The city commissioners decided enforcement would be too much a strain on police officials.—Associated Press.

Mr Lange Says Norway's Answer To Soviet Note Is Quite Clear

The immediate interpretation placed on Mr Lange's remarks about the Russian questions on bases was that he had made clear to the Soviet Union her position concerning the granting of bases on her territory in the event of a threat to her security.

Speaking to reporters after a 30-minute conference with Mr Lange, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, said: "To my mind, my first reply to the Russian Government was a clear answer." He was referring to the response he gave the first Soviet note to the effect that Norway did not intend to grant the use of military bases except in time of war or unless her security was directly threatened.

Mr Lange described his meeting with Mr Lange as "preliminary" and added: "We hope to return to the problem a little later in the week." Questioned on the details of his first discussion with the Secretary of State, he reiterated: "We have come to gather information with a view to learning and in order to report to the Norwegian Cabinet and Parliament as to whether or not Norway ought to accept an invitation by the Norwegian Cabinet."—Reuter.

No such invitation had yet been tendered, Mr Lange said. He refused to give further details of today's discussions or to comment further on the Russian note beyond stating that it was under review by the Norwegian Cabinet.

He and Mr Lange did not mention it today, he added.

Mr Lange was cheerful but firm in his replies to reporters. Mr Acheson took the unusual step of leaving his office to pose beside the Norwegian Foreign Minister for newsreel and press photographs.—Reuter.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



NO MORE OF THIS—This American sergeant will have no more chats with Russian girls like this. Col. Frank L. Howley, U.S. Military Commandant, has barred all fraternisation by Americans with Russians in Berlin.



MISS BUBBLE BATH OF '60—Candy Bergen, who takes a bubble bath daily for her beauty, is snapped here by her famous father, Edgar Bergen, ventriloquist and amateur photographer. Candy, who will be three years old in May, recently signed a contract to model, carrying on in the footsteps of her mother.



SIDEWALK SPIV—Leisurely puffing an American cigarette, this member of the still flourishing Berlin black market takes a rest in the Potsdamer Platz. It's now luxury, for luxury as the necessities of life are becoming easier to buy.



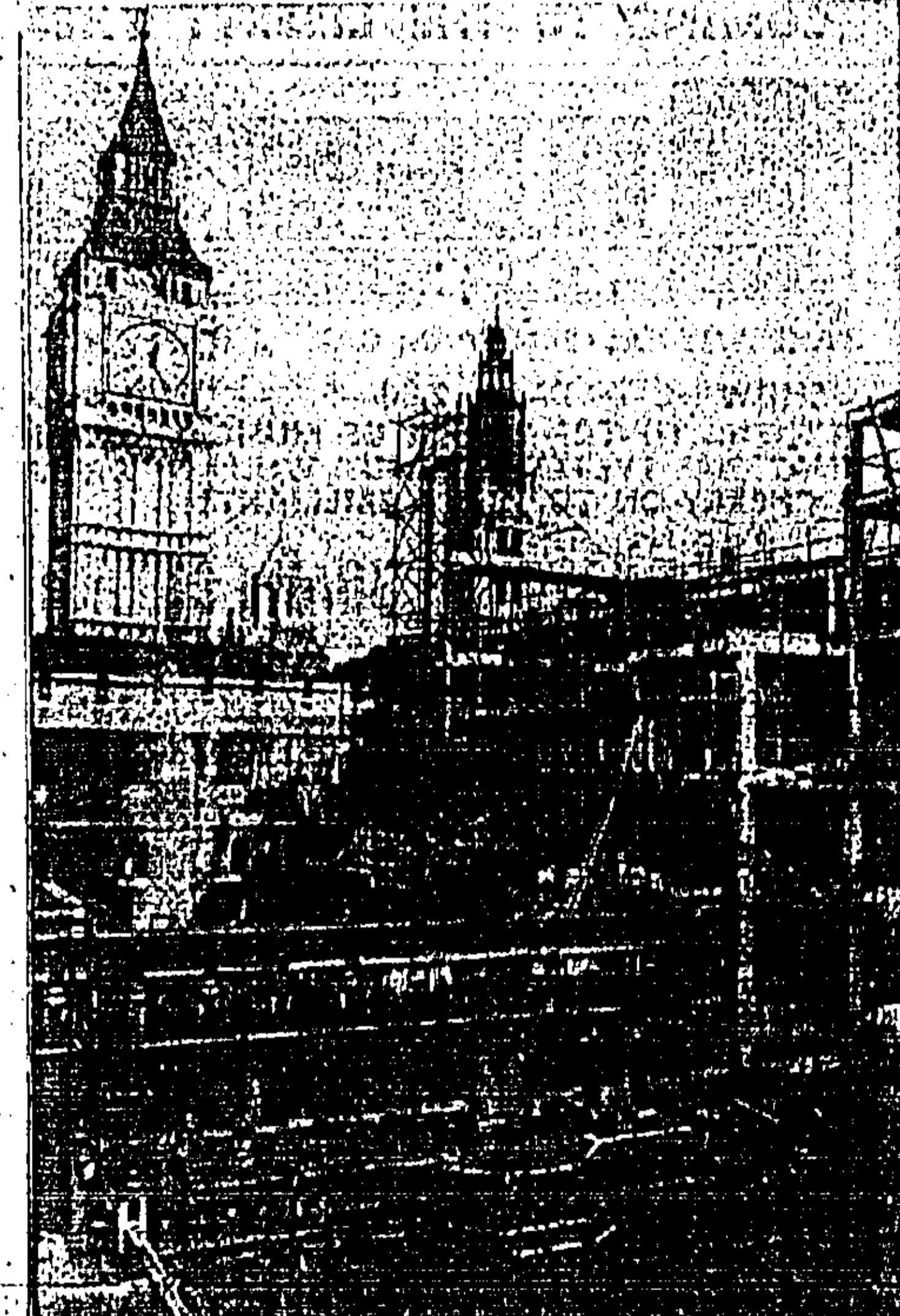
FIRST SCORE—Tottenham Hotspur centre-forward Rundle, right, follows through after sending a strong left-footed kick over the head of Leicester goalie McGran in a recent game at White Hart Lane, London.



CALIFORNIA, HERE I COME!—C. Augustson of Swan River, Manitoba, sits at the wheel of his 40-year-old car in Winnipeg. He expects to travel to California and back in it.



ANOTHER AIRSTRIP—German workers load gravel into trucks from a railway embankment in the British sector of Berlin. The rails were removed by the Russians in 1945, so the gravel is being salvaged for use on construction of a third runway at Gatow Airfield.



NEW HOME—With Big Ben in the background, the new House of Commons begins to take shape in London. It will be finished in 1950, replacing the old one destroyed in the blitz.



JEEP COMMANDOS—Members of the Israeli Army's mobile striking force check their equipment before going out to raid a town near Tel-Aviv.

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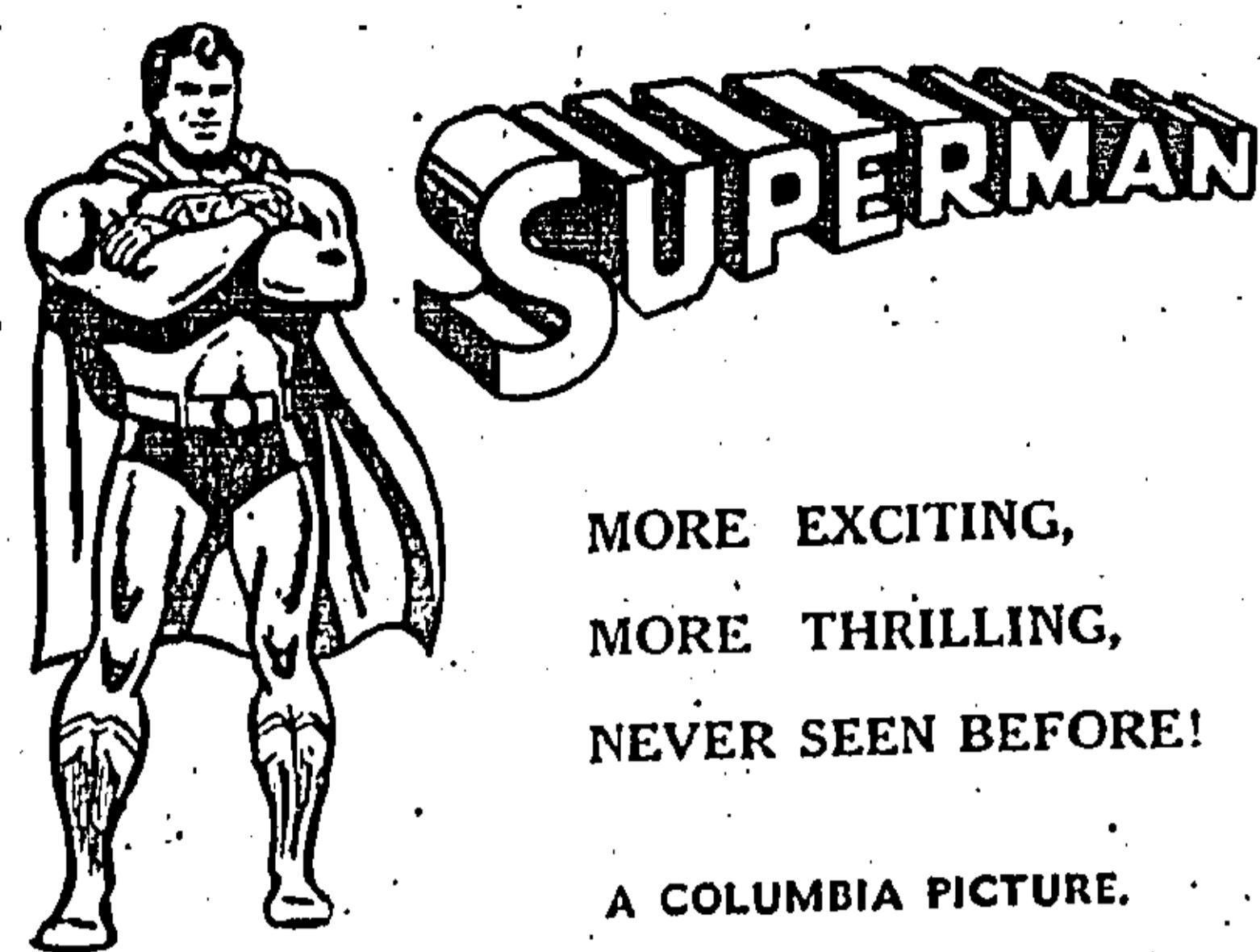
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For the B.B.C., like Hitler, is reluctant to make "its last territorial demand." It illustrates once again the safe rule that Government departments and monopolies like a lot of room to spread in.

At some distant date, the whole B.B.C. organisation is to move into two buildings yet unbuilt—one next door to Broadcasting House and one at Shepherd's Bush—and then presumably the scattered staffs will be heading for the last round-up.

But for the present the conglomeration of entertainers and engineers, singers and stenographers, musicians and maintenance men, control the air waves from about thirty different points around London.

Shops, houses, flats, office blocks, concert halls, cinemas, a school, a chapel, a mission hall, and a skating rink are all roped into the net.

NOEL JOHNSTON, now saying good-bye to DICK BARTON, also says good-bye to the old Grafton Theatre in Tottenham Courtroad, where most of The Special Agent's activities were huddled.

WATERLOGGED SPA and MUCH-BINDING-IN-THE-MARSH are really the same place—the Paris Cinema in Lower Regent-street, which on Saturday nights becomes the GOLDEN SLIPPER CLUB.

SANDY MACPHERSON spends his Twilight Hour in the loneliness of the solitary studio in the Jubilee Chapel at Hoxton, N. Sound-reason: they keep the theatre organ there.

The slow ripening of those subtle dance band melodies may be coming anywhere from the old skating rink in Delaware-road, W.9, to the Eolian Hall (where producer FRANCIS

men and women got muddled over their last wills and testaments.

Costliest mistake: by philanthropist CALEB DIPLOCK. He left £263,000 to "charitable or benevolent institutions."

That single word "or" made the whole thing invalid—and the hospitals which received the money had to pay it back.

WHO please, can find that hard-shelled, soft-centred woman to dispense wisdom and wise-cracks in British films? The End stage, at a pinch, can produce a couple of little acid drops to help along those intimate revue moments, when the two HERMIONES get their bared teeth into ALAN MEVILLE'S lines.

But Hollywood has always had a few tougher type females on hand. The slick slanging matches used to be won regularly by GLENDA FARRELL and JOAN BLONDELL. Then came INA CLAIRE. But for the last few years there has been only one—EVE ARDEN.

Eve is that fall, fair (this type is always a blonde) sophisticated young woman who strides into the scene, hifles the best line in the script, from the corner of her drooping mouth which isn't occupied with the long cigarette-holder—and steals the picture.

She is chic and smooth—drips mink with the casual air of a woman who has a chinchilla in cold storage.

But underneath it all there is that familiar heart of gold. When the less wise glamour gals meet trouble, Eve is there. RITA HAYWORTH, VIRGINIA MAYO, YVONNE DE CARLO have all used the beautifully dressed Arden shoulder to cry on in at least one film. Forever cool and poised, she offers words of comfort in epigrams.

Is there an Eve Arden in the house in Britain?

Margaret Lockwood picture "Look Before You Love" has been released. In it a tall, fair, sophisticated young woman named PHYLLIS STANLEY appears.

Miss Stanley is very much the Eve Arden type in looks. Miss Stanley's lips can drop in the right way. Her long-legged stride (she used to be a dancer) can sweep her across sets in the Arden manner.

At 33—married to American STEPHEN MILLAR, and mother of a seven-year-old daughter—Miss Stanley has no wish to be a film star.

She is an ex-Cochran young lady who was probably the first girl to do a strip-tease from a crinoline base. Her chance to play straight dancing room comedy collapsed when Maria Tempest, with whom she was rehearsing for a new play, died.

"But I would so like to be the top feature player of British films," she says. "I don't think we actually want the New Yorker character in British films—but our own—equivalent of the witty girl about town in Mayfair."

Perhaps busy-bees NOEL LANGLEY or TERENCE RATTON could spare a little time on building her up into the type of woman that every film-goer loves.

Mr. ANTHONY FELL is a young man in hurry—to get into Parliament. As Tory candidate he dented the Socialist majority at Brigg last March, is now going to fight for Hammersmith South—the only man to make two shots to become an M.P. within the past year.

But his record slipped the other night. Billed to speak before Young Tories in the City of London, he arrived as the meeting was breaking up. A stand-in had spoken for him.

IT has been a week of harsh words among the artists.

EVELYN WAUGH finds himself described in America as "looking like an indignant White Leghorn."

Poet JOHN BETJEMAN, asked by a group of would-be writers from Oxford what to do for a living until their books began to sell, gave this advice: "Get a job as a stationmaster where there's one train a day."

MICHAEL LEWIS, son of SINCLAIR LEWIS and DOROTHY THOMPSON, is in London studying to be an actor. He has some cold words to say about London—“Cramped, cheerless—but conducive in atmosphere to studying the gloomy aspects of ‘Hamlet.’”

His fellow students in turn look forward to hearing his Main-street accent declaiming: “To be or not to be?”

Harry Truman's inauguration as President of the United States is described by a man who—with Harry the Horse in the old hangout of Damon Runyon—saw it by television

HARRY TRUMAN RIDES IN ON A 'QUAKE'

BY FREDERICK COOK

NEW YORK.
I AM one of the several millions of people here who saw President Truman inaugurated for his second term without the bother of travelling 250 miles down to Washington on the off chance of finding a street corner with a view.

I watched it all—or at least that is what I think I was watching—perched on a stool beside the bar in Damon Runyon's old hangout, Mindys on Broadway.

Harry the Horse was there, too, lugubrious as ever. So were Little Isidore, Big Nig and all the rest of the Broadway characters—enough of them at all events for Clancy the Cop from the corner of 53rd Street to keep strolling in just to see if all went well.

It was an instructive day. But one had to drink an awful lot of beer to justify one's place by the television set.

And it seems now as though I missed the earthquake that apparently shattered Washington while the parade was going on.

A bottle to start

When the programme started it was bewildering for a time. It all began with a very large but indistinct picture of a bottle of laxative.

A smoothly nasal voice was saying: "Mothers, when you seek a laxative for your sick child what do you do? Do you take the first thing that is offered? Not! Nothing but the best will do for your child. So follow the example of this wise young mother."

Then a camera shot of a sulky young woman telephoning the corner drugstore, asking in an anxious tone: "There is nothing better than So-and-so's laxative for my sick child?"

Next a shot of the drugstore with a glittering array of cleanly inferior laxatives from which the astute druggist unhesitatingly picks a bottle of So-and-so's and waves it in our faces with a satisfied smirk.

Then unaccountably some policemen's legs, slightly awaive, and there we are on a street corner in distant Washington listening to an excited young man trying to get something intelligible out of two terrified urchins, shot violently into our range of vision by an unseen hand.

Terrifies More

Into their completely blank faces he thrusts a microphone, which clearly terrifies them more. One cries. Suddenly a blinding light. The world disintegrates into a shivering mass.

"That's the refrigerator," says Little Isidore confidently. "Refrigerator? Nuts!" growls Big Nig. "That is Clancy starting the patrol car outside."

"Gimme a beer," grunts Harry the Horse suddenly. The barman looks threatening at the rest of us. So we all say: "Me, too. Same again."

At that moment the television "earthquake" strikes. The Capitol staggers. It shudders and shakes and seems about to fall.

Spectators and photographers up there in the trees wave madly in the air, thrown wildly from side to side. Then everything goes dark.

Chanting on in the blackness is the reassuring voice of that young announcer: Nothing fazes him. Now he is reciting off names of Presidents long dead, some dates of note in American history.

"Gimme a beer," grunts Harry the Horse suddenly. The barman looks threatening at the rest of us.

"So we all say: "Me, too. Same again."

For the earth tremors stopped the moment I stepped outside. Broadway was just the same as usual.

By ERNIE BUSHIMILLER

NANCY Naturally

NOSEY ROSIE IS LOST—
HER MOM CAN'T FIND HER

I'LL FIND HER

DID YA LOOK IN HERE?

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US ARMY SECRETARY HINTS AT CIVIL CONTROL FOR JAPAN

Tokyo, Feb. 7.—Before leaving for Korea on the last stage of his Pacific inspection tour, Mr Kenneth Royall, United States Army Secretary, indicated that Japan would fit into the American defence against Communism economically, not militarily.

His summing-up of the impressions he gained during his one-week stay in Japan are thought to herald the introduction of civil control of the country.

European Union:

W. Germany "Must Be In From The Start"

Paris, Feb. 7.—Mr Duncan Sandy, President of the European Movement, told a press conference here today that it was "enormously important" that Western Germany should be represented from the beginning in the proposed European Consultative Assembly.

Asked about the inclusion of Spain and Eastern Germany, Mr Sandy said it was desirable to begin with countries which were in a position to choose their representatives democratically.

Mr Sandy was speaking at the end of a four-day meeting of the Executive Committee of the Movement, which organised the Hague conference on European Unity last May. The Executive sent a letter to the five Brussels powers Foreign Ministers congratulating them on their decision to set up a European Council of Ministers and a Consultative Assembly.

The Executive suggested: (1) the countries represented at the start should be the five Brussels Powers, Western Germany, the Scandinavian countries, Eire, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Portugal, Switzerland and Turkey.

It should be considered "essential" that members derive their authority from their national Parliaments.

Membership should not be unduly restricted. "A total membership of about 300 is suggested. We consider that the Assembly must hold two or three sessions each year in order to make any real impact upon European public opinion."

With the creation of the Assembly, the European Movement has decided to concentrate on securing the establishment of a European Court of Human Rights, it was announced.

A draft text of the proposed convention binding European governments to respect human rights and setting up a court to judge cases of alleged infringement was considered by the Executive Committee over the weekend.

British and French legal experts collaborated in drafting the proposed convention. The draft is expected to be published soon. An application for affiliation from the Socialist movement for the United States of Europe was approved by the Executive Committee.

The Cultural Section of the Movement meeting at the same time as the Executive Committee decided to establish an office in Geneva to organise intellectual contacts between European countries.—Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Now, Uncle Ned, with my new boy friend here, please don't tell your story of how cute I was as a baby when you photographed me in the nude on the bear rug!"

CROWN COUNSEL ADDRESSES JURY IN THE PWD LARCENY TRIAL

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His Lordship remarked that the defence was left in counsel's hands to deal with in their own way. Mr D'Alton had asked a number of questions which he thought were irrelevant.

Mr D'Alton: I don't think that there should be any implication of lack of courage.

His Lordship: You have chosen to conduct your case in your own way. I agree in the main with what Mr Hooton has said in the matter.

Among the points Mr Royall made were:

(1) There will be no increase in troop strength in Japan.

(2) There will be no reconstituted Japanese army under American supervision, as reported in some quarters, although Mr Royall pointed out emphatically that Japan must have an adequate police force of its own to ensure internal order.

(3) That he is in favour of civil control for occupied areas and that since 1947 he has consistently recommended that the State Department take over.

(4) That Mr Joseph M. Dodge, Detroit bank president, arrived with Mr Royall for an indeterminate stay at General MacArthur's request to advise the Supreme Commander on economic matters.

(5) That Mr Royall is opposed to combatting Communism by official pressure or persecution here or anywhere else, confident that democracy will triumph because "it renders the greatest service to the greatest number of citizens."

(6) That the American Military Advisory Group to China at present in Japan will soon be disbanded.—United Press.

"ARMY MUST GO"

Tokyo, Feb. 7.—Control over civilian businessmen in Japan should be returned to civilian authority at the earliest possible opportunity, Mr Denis McEvoy, President of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan, said today at a luncheon given by the Chamber in honour of Mr Kenneth Royall, the US Army Secretary.

"While the Army is a magnificent organisation for winning the war and for the defence of our country, it is not adaptable to unimpeded person-to-person buying and selling—the old commercial system which must exist if trade is to flourish," he said.

Secondly, he recommended that a great share of the present American tax money pouring into Japan for rehabilitation purposes should be taken over by private enterprise.

The new investment policy, he said, is a major step but it does not go far enough. Other required measures, Mr McEvoy stated, included the establishment of further patent and trade mark legislation, the convertibility and conversion rate of yen into dollars, the enactment of tax legislation designed to encourage local and foreign capital to go into productive channels and the prompt establishment of procedures for settling claims.—Reuter.

Fleeing Reds Leave Medals Behind

Singapore, Feb. 7.—Grenadier Guards operating near Kajang, south of Kuala Lumpur, found a number of brass medals bearing the heads of Stalin and Lenin in a sack dropped by fleeing insurgents on February 4, it was learned today.

A Guards officer said they were of "shoddy manufacture." The medals were about the size of a half-crown. Each had a chain and it is believed they were intended for decorations.

The sack also contained Communist literature and maps of the adjoining area.—Reuter.

TAXI-DANCERS' TAX EASED—BUT NOT FOR TAXIS

Singapore, Feb. 7.—The dance hostesses of Singapore have it officially from the Income Tax Comptroller that money spent to make them pretty cannot be taxed.

Members of the Singapore Cabaret Girls' Association received the following income tax deductions up to STS\$125 (US\$60): dresses STS\$40, shoes \$20, hair setting \$25, cosmetics \$40. They lost out on STS\$40 for transport.—Associated Press.

S. Africans Told They Must End Extravagance

Capetown, Feb. 7.—The South African Minister of Finance, Dr N. C. Havenga, told the House of Assembly today that extravagance must end "in the interest of South Africa's economic health."

Introducing the second reading of the Part Appropriation Bill, he declared that inflation was receding and another factor—new development—emerging.

"But this calls for saving and investment, not consumption and indulgence in luxury," he said. A surplus for the year of not less than £5,000,000, after providing additional for savings to balance the budget, could confidently be expected.

The present estimate was that £143,140,000 would be collected in revenue this year.

Dr Havenga said that neither the press for the public had yet fully realised "the unprecedented opportunity for development knocking insistently at our doors."

Import control, he said, should disappear as soon as the foreign exchange position righted itself. At the moment South Africa was getting capital funds in the form of convertible sterling and buying capital for scarce dollars.

"This is a much more serious aspect of our exchange problem than consumable goods, which, if necessary we shall restrict more severely."

"By turning our gold reserves into goods we have struck a significant blow against inflation. But our gold reserves are not adequate for the full task. We have had to call in import control to assist."

Mr Havenga, referring to the new Union Loan now on issue, said: "We are not getting the money we wanted." Lenders had been holding off in the hope of getting higher rates from non-Government borrowers and perhaps even of forcing the Government into what could only be described as "rate inflation." That could not be contemplated, he said.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

Programme Summary: 8.01, Light Variety with Harry James & His Orchestra (Studio); 8.30, Cantonese Radio (Studio); 8.50, Joe Venuti and His Orchestra (Studio); 9.00, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 9.15, "See Tee" Talks on Sport (Studio); 9.25, Black and White Favourites presented by Queenie Woods (Studio); 9.30, "From the Editorials" (London Relay); 9.40, "Nothing but Music" Sidney Toler & Queen Hall Light Orchestra (Studio); 9.45, "Coral" (Studio); 10.00, "Love and Vincent" (London Relay); 10.15, Weather Report; 10.16, "Musicland" (Studio); 10.45, Glenn Miller and His Orchestra and Tex Beneke, Play for Dancing; 11.15, Weather Report and Close Down

Picking Up Refugees

Famagusta, Cyprus, Feb. 7.—The 4,000-ton Israeli ship Alzmaut was waiting for a lull in heavy seas outside Famagusta harbour today before entering to take 2,100 Jewish refugees aboard.

The detainees returned to camp when they heard the vessel could not enter and it is now hoped that they will embark tomorrow morning.—Reuter.

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Mr D'Alton: I don't think that there should be any implication of lack of courage.

His Lordship: You have chosen to conduct your case in your own way. I agree in the main with what Mr Hooton has said in the matter.

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Mr Hooton next dealt with the number of different defences which were suggested by the cross-examination.

One would expect Chinese workmen of that type to obey loyalty the orders of their European officers, said counsel. Lam Yam was a vital witness in the case in particular against Kwok; because he made out bills at the instance of Kwok. For the defence to succeed it was necessary to break down that testimony. Counsel submitted that his evidence was not broken down a single witness but had no motive for giving the story that he did if it was not the truth.

Mr Hooton said that a pathetic attempt had been made to implicate the workmen of Lam Yam, particularly the chargehands. Attempts were made to show that each of them had arranged the bills with Lam. In his evidence Lam had stated that he did not know a single one of the chargehands as mentioned by the defence. There was nothing throughout the evidence that Lam knew Ho Sung on whom now an attempt was being made to make him the scape goat of the case; as indeed of Ho Ting. When the defence failed, said counsel, the buck was passed to Ho Sung. There was no evidence that Ho Sung knew Lam or that he ever met Lam. Ho Sung had been arrested and some days after he was released and then went away. He was the man who according to the evidence of Spary brought over the Yacht Club bill. There was not sufficient evidence to connect Ho Sung with any of the jobs except perhaps the Yacht Club, and the jury in counsel's submission, would have no doubt that if Ho Sung had anything to do with this case he was acting under the orders and under the control and supervision of Kwok.

Reviewing the evidence, Mr Hooton said that he felt it his duty to review the evidence as briefly as possible on the various counts. It was born in mind by the Jury that it was an aspect to the favour of the accused, if it was not conclusive evidence that other people in the past had at times felt temptation too much for them and they had then gone the way to crime, and that was what the Prosecution submitted happened in this case.

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His Lordship: It is an inference which may be drawn. It is a matter for the Jury.

Mr Hooton: As opposed to this suggestion that it was Ho Sung and not Kwok you will remember that Ho Sung according to the bulk of the stores had nothing to do with the stores.

Crown Counsel then dealt with the evidence of various workmen which was completely unchallenged.

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Mr Hooton: The challenge was unsupported by evidence.

SYSTEM CRITICISED

Crown Counsel continued: You have heard considerable evidence on the system in the electrical department at the Public Works. You will doubtless form your own views as to whether that was an efficient system or an inefficient system.

That is not the issue before the court and we are not trying that matter. The only relevance of that system, whatever it was, is as far as it concerns the evidence against these two men. You have heard the system and method of Stores Orders and Estimates and I do not intend to repeat it here. It is the contention of the Prosecution that in this case that system had afforded a breeding ground for this type of offence, and there was a lack of check and apparently complete lack of record of stores once they had been drawn at Wanchai and were in the transit store.

Mr D'Alton: Spary gave evidence of the control of stores as far as Wanchai was concerned.

NO RECORD

Mr Hooton said that it was clear from the evidence that there was no record of what was sent to jobs from stores. The store order note showed and showed only what was drawn from the stores in Wanchai for the job. They could not show whether the stores were put to the right job or not. With this lack of check and cross-check at the stores a person could get away with stealing without the knowledge of anybody and with the hope that the thefts could not be traced to him.

Mr Hooton referred to the evidence of Mr Brown and Spary concerning a Board of Survey at Hung Hom workshop. The view of the prosecution that whatever the record disclosed it was completely valueless for the reason of the impossibility of checking. There was nothing to prevent the defence from having that Survey produced or calling the chairman, Mr Watson, to give evidence, but they had not done so.

Mr D'Alton: I think I asked yesterday why this Survey was not produced.

Mr Chen: I had no knowledge of the contents of.

OIC'S DISCRETION

Mr Hooton said there had been evidence of various stores being left in the hands of the OIC after their surrender. There had been the evidence of Mr Brown, chief electrical and mechanical engineer, that the use of these stores was left largely to the discretion of those stores was vested in the OIC by virtue of his position and that he had access and control over them.

The evidence of other cases in which they had been used were cases where they had been used either for Government officers, Government quar-

ters or for public purposes. In the second line of cross-examination, Mr Hooton continued, those stores were there, the Crown was exercising the rights of possession over them by virtue of their presence, and that the accused had no right to dispose of them. In that connection, Counsel said, when giving evidence referring to the shades which he had sent to his quarters from Wanchai workshop and which he later sent to Mrs Wheeler, Spary said he could not sell them, that it was all right for that type of stores generally to pass them on to Government servants or quarters. In his submission, Counsel added, those stores were stores in the possession of His Majesty and that the OIC had no right to dispose of them to private persons.

There was one other comment

he would like to make to the Jury at this stage and that was the evidence of character given in respect of Spary. There was no doubt that Spary had previously borne an excellent reputation. There was no doubt whatsoever, in the submission of the Prosecution, that he was a man of good character and that was not in dispute, apart from what was alleged against him. The same, he said, applied to Kwok: Kwok had not actually called witnesses as to character, but in the Crown's submission, Kwok must be treated as a man of good character in the past and naturally

were these men not persons of good and even excellent character they would not be occupying the positions that they did.

EVIDENCE REVIEWED

Whilst it had been said that persons of good character had fallen from grace and whilst it should be born in mind by the Jury that it was an aspect to the favour of the accused, it was not conclusive evidence that other people in the past had at times felt temptation too much for them and they had then gone the way to crime, and that was what the Prosecution submitted happened in this case.

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TEST MATCH

INDIA'S GALLANT BID FOR VICTORY

Bombay, Feb. 7.—India made a gallant bid for victory against the West Indies in the fifth Test here today by getting the West Indies out for 267 and then scoring 90 runs in 95 minutes for the loss of three wickets in a fight against the clock.

On the final day tomorrow India will have to score 271 in 300 minutes if she is to win the match and tie the series. A most thrilling finale to the tour can be expected.

India did an excellent job in dismissing the West Indies' remaining seven second innings wickets today for the addition of 115 runs. Bannerjee, the fast bowler, who was only included in the Indian team at the last minute, took four wickets for 50 runs, while Mankad claimed three for 77.

When play commenced this morning the West Indies had their first shock when Atkinson was out to the second ball of the day before scoring.

The Indian bowlers continued to make the most of the slightly wearing wicket and batsmen tumbled at regular intervals. The opening bat, Rae, was unlucky to be caught on the boundary when three runs short of his century.

India, needing 361 to win, made a disastrous start, losing both their opening men for nine, but Amarnath, with some brilliant strokes, and Mohi improved the position with a stand of 74, which was ended just before the close with Amarnath's dismissal.

Modi and Hazare remained together until stumps were drawn, when after 95 minutes batting the score stood at 90 for three.—Reuter.

The close of play scores were: West Indies 267; India 193 and 90 for 3.—Reuter.

MCC Held To A Draw

Salisbury, Rhodesia, Feb. 7.—A third wicket stand of 110 between two young batsmen, Pretorius and Curran, robbed the MCC of victory over Rhodesia here today when the match was left drawn.

Rain prevented a start today until 45 minutes before tea and conditions hardly justified play then.

George Main, however, was eager to keep faith with the public and so started as soon as possible after the rain ceased.

The outfield was then still sodden and the area around the pitch so saturated that bowlers of any pace could not get a foothold. Gladwin once fell and grazed his elbow, which needed attention.

Man would have been justified in delaying the start, in which case the ball would not have got so wet and lost its shine so quickly. This might have allowed Bedser to repeat his performance of Saturday.

The final scores were: MCC 228; Rhodesia 61 and 101 for five.—Reuter.

Cricket Averages For All Matches

The following are the averages for all matches, League and friendly, in local cricket of First Division standard so far this season:

BATTING:

	Not	Highest	Average
Innings Out	Runs	Score	
L. E. Stokes (Scorpions)	20	732	110
G. N. Gosano (Recrero)	18	555	69
J. M. Gosano (University)	17	540	122*
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	18	434	82
G. A. Sozzi (Craignegower)	14	349	91*
L. D. Kilbey (Optimists)	19	506	102*
Dr E. Gosano (Recrero)	16	339	79
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions)	14	354	85
O. J. Kerr (Scorpions)	13	356	62
A/C J. S. Deane (RAF)	17	302	71
A. M. Prata (Recrero)	16	328	56
N. R. Oliver (Optimists)	21	495	64
G. Hong Choy (Craignegower)	13	297	59
Major A. R. Dunn (Army)	16	205	78
R. W. Franklin (Optimists)	18	206	47
W/Cdr A. D. Pantin (RAF)	16	275	60*
F. R. Zimmerman (KCC)	16	308	63
F. Howarth (Scorpions)	17	286	57*
Major C. R. Murray-Brown (Army)	20	328	58
N. Hart-Daker (KCC)	16	299	62
M. M. Little (Optimists)	13	215	50*
D. H. Learch (Scorpions)	20	321	40
			17.83

*Not Out. Qualification: 200 runs for an average of over 17.50.

BOWLING:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Cpl Hart (Royal Navy)	66	20	180	21	8.57
A/C D. Graham (RAF)	105	26	323	37	8.72
Lt A. Stepto (Army)	204	46	583	65	9.00
Gen D. Dalton (Army)	222.3	93	598	65	9.20
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions)	70	6	256	52	9.26
F. Howarth (Scorpions)	249.1	67	77	71	9.53
J. C. Koh (University)	118.3	13	420	44	9.68
G. N. Gosano (Recrero)	82.3	14	211	24	10.04
Dr E. L. Gosano (Recrero)	100.5	57	307	37	10.72
CPO L. White (Royal Navy)	177.3	47	428	38	11.26
L/Cpl J. Jones (Army)	95.4	19	314	27	11.02
T. H. Lean (University)	107	35	548	45	12.17
D. McClellan (Optimists)	71	9	413	33	12.51
F/O E. N. Gambrill (RAF)	251.3	55	770	61	12.02
A. K. Ismail (IRC)	110.5	10	407	29	14.03
A. L. Snath (Optimists)	82.5	15	281	20	14.05
P. J. Billmoria (CCC)	178	29	595	42	14.10
A. el Arculli (IRC)	149.3	30	493	33	15.00
IC. E. Lee (KCC)	163.3	22	474	31	15.20
F. R. Zimmerman (KCC)	152	35	515	30	17.10
S. T. Thomas (University)	107	27	502	31	18.12
T. Crabb (Craignegower)	107.1	31	648	35	18.51
P. B. Mahon (Optimists)	100.5	33	648	35	18.51
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	133.5	8	478	25	19.12

Qualification: 20 wickets for an average of under 20.00.

HEIN TEN HOFF



Hein Ten Hoff, Dutch-born heavyweight champion of Germany, strikes a fighting pose in front of a portrait of Joe Louis, whose crown he someday hopes to wear. The 29-year-old fighter, just arrived in the United States from Hamburg, has scored 14 knockouts, 2 wins and 1 draw in his 17 professional contests.

FRANK BUTLER'S COLUMN

Germans Want To Fight In Britain

Walter Neusel slipped quietly into London recently to negotiate the re-entry of German boxers to Britain. Back in Germany he is wooing British and American authorities with some political success because Hein Ten Hoff, Frankfort heavyweight, arrived in New York. Don't be hasty to the Hun? . . .

Charlton's Jimmy Seed agrees that Westwood (Manchester City) is the best left back in Britain. Italian Police used tear gas to free a football referee from angry Eye-talians when Bologna beat Busto Arsizio 2-0 on Monday night. At one time Chelsea fans shed tears weekly.

Sixty-four-year old Owen Moran, one of Britain's greatest featherweights, is seriously ill in his native Birmingham, but the man who drew with Jim Driscoll was cheerful at the visit of Lee Savold and Billy Daly.

Colin Jones, young printing apprentice from Bath, who scored 48 goals in 12 games as centre forward for Whiteway Wanderers, has joined Portsmouth as an amateur . . .

Gene Tunney cutely told Sydney boxing writers that Dempsey was the greatest heavy-weight of them all. As the smart Mr Tunney twice pinned back the Old Mauler's ears, this is a modest way of saying who Gene really thinks was the greatest of them all.

PATTON TO QUIT

Gen. George S. Patton, who won the Olympic 200 metres at Wembley, says he will quit the track-to provide for his wife and daughter. A man must feed us well as we speed . . . Harry Alcock, Scunthorpe United secretary, has advised Brian Farnsworth, ten-year-old Sheffield boy who offered his services to the team, to "eat more pudding before he is ready for senior football." I suggest a dose of disgust before Brian takes the field . . .

Keith Miller, Australian all-rounder, is having eye treatment following months of playing in bright sunshine. He can't blame England for that . . . Bruce Woodcock insists Johnny Ralph must insure himself for £1,000 to be fit for their proposed Johannesburg rendezvous on March 26 . . .

John Bromwich, Australian tennis ace, who refused to fly to America for the Davis Cup last summer, may miss the team again next summer, because tentative air reservations have been made by the Australian L.T.A.

Randolph Turpin, coloured Leamington middle-weight, looked good against Lee Savold at Birmingham until Lee released a left hook, whereupon Randolph realised why the "r" was dropped in Leamington Spar . . .

The interest in the fight game in Leicester in the days of Reggie Meek has been revived now that Jack Gardner, Market Harborough's White Hope, is due to tackle Nick Fisher at the Granby Halls on January 31 . . . Olga Rubtsova of Moscow, has become woman chess champion of the Soviet Union for the sixth time since 1927. And still the Volga rolls on Oka.

Swiss referee Louis Mellow, scored Billy Thompson one point ahead of Josef Proys, the reluctant Belgian, after Monday's Birmingham fight. I would have awarded the verdict to the 6,000 Midlanders who kept awake . . . Trieste fight promoters are rubbing their hands, because demand by American and Irish troops for tickets for the Dick Turpin-Tibor Mitrí return is to be enlarged to seat 6,000 fans. Even Rome wants built in a day.

The battling boys offer £1000 that the Cup final will be played between Chelsea and Luton. Hold it, suckers, Wembley Stadium lies between Luton and Chelsea.

ON THE RECORD

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Anatomy Of A Chess Club

Mr S. Jiritsky's simultaneous exhibition against 24 players at the Kowloon Chess Club on Thursday evening recalls the fact that he is not the first player to give a simultaneous exhibition in Hongkong, but outside of the world champion, the late Dr Alekhine, no one has ever taken on so many here.

Last player to give a simultaneous exhibition was Mr Karel Weiss, who took on eight players of Intermediate standard, four of whom have since graduated to Senior standard. His record for the match was three wins, one draw and four losses, a good achievement against a strong field.

Mr Jiritsky has signified his readiness to take on all-comers, standard immaterial. He is, actually, far and above the class of all local players, barring three or four who could perhaps, every ten games or so, take one off him.

On Thursday, Mr Jiritsky should take on a very assorted crew. Standards vary in Hongkong's comparatively small chess community as do our citizens who play chess.

The Kowloon Chess Club takes pride in the fact that more nationalities are represented on its roster of 70-odd members than any other club in the Colony can boast of.

There are members who drop in on an evening on their quarterly visit to the Colony after a trip down to South America and others who are there every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the year.

Members are of every race, colour and creed. The Club lacks a Luxembourgian or a Turk on its membership roster, but, to balance that, it has a genuine Siberian chessman from the region of Kamchatka.

The gentleman is usually mistaken for a Mongol Prince. On inquiry, he will correct that misimpression in one of several languages.

An interesting point that arises here is that the Kowloon Chess Club is rather multilingual. On an evening you may hear Czech, Hungarian, German, Italian, Russian, Portuguese, French and Dutch spoken there, let alone everyday languages like English and Cantonese.

Also, you may find every form of chess played there. At one table, two players are engaged in a friendly game of quite a high standard with a group of three or four looking on.

At another board a game is going on when both opposing kings are simultaneously under check for some six consecutive moves. At another, one of the players, excited at the possibilities of the situation on the board, makes yet one more move before his opponent awakens to the fact that it is now his turn.

The question is often asked: What is it that makes a man play chess? That is a difficult question to answer. The probable reason is that at some time or other in his childhood he had some scruffy elderly relative who insisted on teaching him the game, and then keeping him glued to the board.

Once the chess bug sets in particularly at an early age, it never leaves. It may lasso for a number

of years, but it will always return. Its symptoms are not unlike that of malaria.

Or, it may have been acquired during long detention in the small confines of a lighthouse where one either played chess with one's sole mate just under the beacon, or quarreled incessantly with him.

Many acquired the bug in prison camp in the last war and the chess population of the world has largely increased as a result.

In some countries, Britain among them, chess is thought in schools. In Hongkong last year the Kowloon Chess Club ran summer classes for children.

Who are the men who play chess? That's a nasty question, because, even in Hongkong, quite a few women do. The men who play chess are, as often as not, happily married fathers of families. Their wives, in desperation, play bridge or mahjong.

What type of people are they? They are everybody under the sun—butchers and bakers and candlestick-makers, and I'm not pulling anyone's leg.

At a table over there, deeply engrossed in a game, is a noted neurologist. He keeps a weather eye open to all around him but points no accusing finger at the man at the next board who has already made three moves while his opponent is pondering over his first. Outside of tournament games, chess players are permitted all the eccentricity in the world.

Do people play chess because it is an inexpensive game? With the volumes of chess books and magazines placed on sale in our bookstores every time a ship comes in, usually snatched up within the week, chess is not an inexpensive game. Sets and boards cost money, chess clocks cost more.

Chess players like to think that they are indulging in a poor man's game and chess club fees throughout the world are usually the lowest for any type of recreational club.

Yet, chess players, taken on an average, are far from being short of the wealth of this world. They devote so much time to chess that, as often as not, they never get down to spending any money on anything

FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Set Eight Tricks
On One Bad Play

By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

SOME of the most spectacular hands are those played in the various athletic clubs around the country. I have given you hands from time to time from the Indianapolis Athletic Club. At my own club in New York they come out with some fantastic results.

Today's hand was played at the St. Paul Athletic Club, St. Paul, Minn., and was sent to me by J. Lisle Jesmer, I hope to meet Mr. Jesmer and his group if I get out to the St. Paul Winter Carnival tournament February 11 to 14.

Jesmer (East) made a rather unusual opening against the three

QJ 10 6 3			
K 6 2			
K 10			
Q 8 5			
A 8 4			
7 4			
A 9 7 5	W	N	♦ A 9 7 2
4 2	E	S	♦ Q 8 3
♦ K 9 8 3	Dealer	♦ None	
A 5			
7 3			
4 6			
A J 10 7 6 2			
"Rubber" Neither vul.			
South West North East			
1 ♠ Pass	1 N.T.	2 ♠	
Pass	2 N.T.	3 ♠	
Pass	3 N.T.	Double	
Opening—♦ 8			19

no-trump contract. The normal opening, of course, would be the queen of hearts, but Jesmer led the eight of hearts. Declarer won the trick with the king and led the queen of clubs. When East showed out, declarer took what I think was bad finesse. West won with the king and led back the deuce of diamonds.

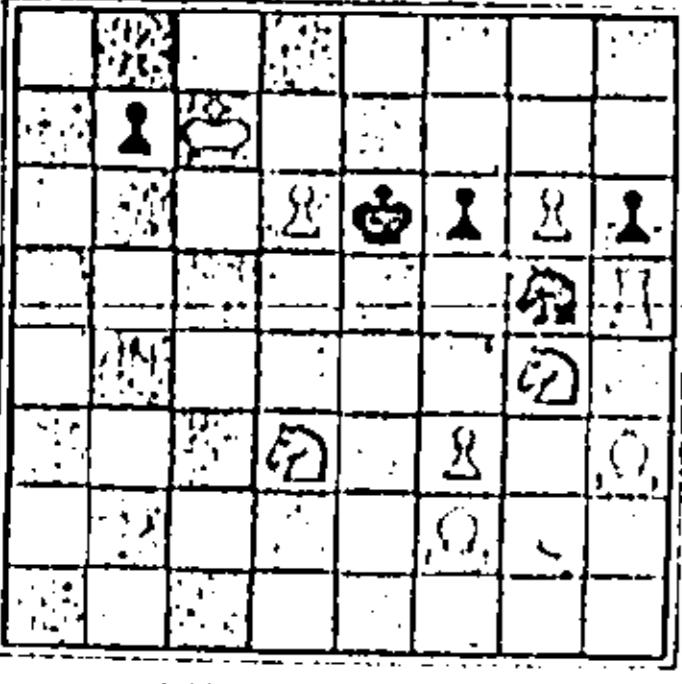
If North had been a good guesser and had gone right up with the king of diamonds, he would have taken the balance of the tricks. But, instead, he put on the ten-spot. Jesmer, won with the queen, cashed six heart tricks, led the eight of diamonds, and his partner cashed the balance of the tricks.

Instead of declarer taking 12 tricks and making three no-trump doubled with three overtricks, the opponents took 12 tricks. Declarer was down eight tricks doubled for a loss of 1,500—a simple swing of a couple of thousand points.

CHESS PROBLEM

By S. F. E. FLATAU

Black, 5 pieces.

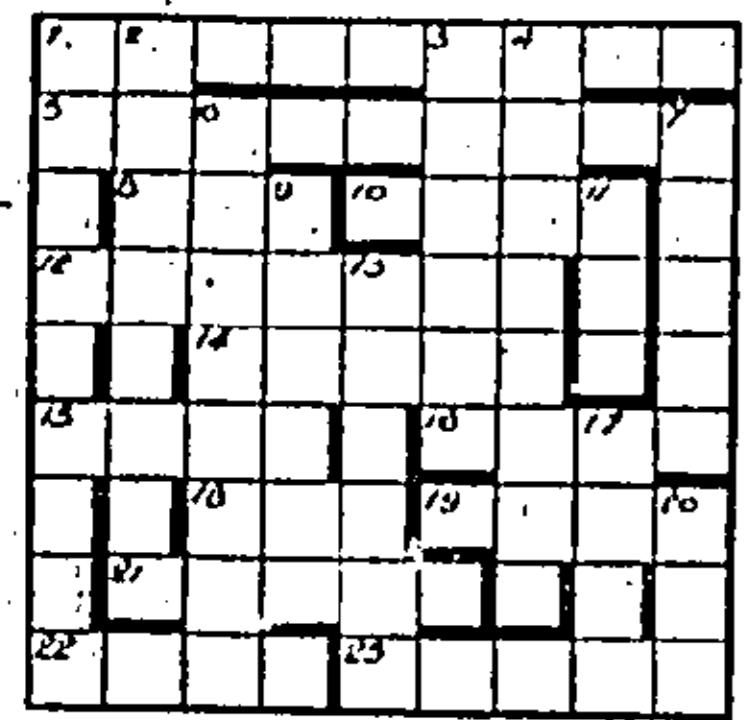


White, 9 pieces.
White to play and mate in two

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. B—R1, any; 2. Q, R (ch, or dbl ch), B, or Kt mates.

CROSSWORD



Still feeling very inquisitive, Rupert runs to ask his mother, but she doesn't pretend to know "the answer." So long as the bosom mother blows the other way, and doesn't fill my cottage, and doesn't tell other people's cottages, that's all I care!" she said with a soft sigh.

"I wonder if anybody knows what happens to it," he murmured. At that moment the gate opens and Bill appears again. "I say, Rupert, the gipsies are back in the wood," he cries. "Come and see if they can't answer your question."

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RED RYDER



Now They're Even



By Fred Harman

1. Anything outside the law is done
2. Used to be used as punishment
3. Expressing denial. (10)
4. An old plucked musical instrument
5. His B.A. changes in India. (5)
6. A loud cry. (4)
7. Army formation. (5)
Down
1. Mill dance. (4)
2. What the raven drew late. (6)
3. A drink. It will do a pinch.
10 and 11. No, this is not won by
12. Whining hen. (3, 3)
13. Made (7). (14, 7)
14. Permit. (12)
15. Dry sort of raid, surely. (4)
16. Gore upset. (4)
17. Arrest in slang fashion. (3)
18. Cunning. (4)
21. His B.A. changes in India. (5)
22. A loud cry. (4)
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Japan Seeking Big New Merchant Fleet

Opposition By U.S. Shipping Interests

Washington, Feb. 7.—The National Federation of American Shipping is opposed to allowing Japan to regain a merchant fleet similar to the one she had before the war. Further, the Federation does not want to allow Japan to charter foreign ships to enlarge its capacity to engage in overseas trade.

This attitude of American ship operators toward Japan's postwar maritime aspirations was disclosed after Tokyo reports said the Japanese are preparing to ask the occupation authorities for permission to charter foreign ships.

The Japanese are also according to Tokyo indications seeking removal of restrictions which keep their merchant fleet principally in home waters. Exceptions to this are that Japanese ships, under occupation direction, are operating now to Korea, China, Russian-held Sakhalin Island and the Persian Gulf. Trips to the Middle East are being made to get oil that the occupation authorities hold necessary to Japan's economic life.

Japanese marine interests are said to be seeking a fleet of 4,000,000 tons.

NEEDS ONLY HALF

American ship operators hold that about half that tonnage is sufficient for Japan's present needs and those of the foreseeable future.

"Competent American and European authorities place the maximum tonnage of her [Japan] merchant fleet for reasonable participation in her domestic trade and her imports and exports at 2,000,000 gross tons of shipping," the Shipping Federation said.

"There is no justification for the reported intention of the Japanese to ask the occupation authorities for permission to charter foreign ships."

The Japanese contention that they can further help themselves to economic recovery through greater merchant fleet operation is false, the Federation says.

"It is impossible to restore Japanese economy and living standards through the operation of Japanese shipping on any reasonable basis," the Federation says. "Less than one percent of the Japanese national income prior to the war was derived from net shipping profits in the international trades."

The Federation urged that Japan be allowed only sufficient tonnage to handle all of its domestic commerce.

U.S. SHIPPING COAL

"The goal which American shipping is setting for itself is the carrying of its domestic trade, and a minimum of 50 percent of its own imports and exports," the Federation said.

"Even with participation in ECA (Economic Co-operation Administration) cargoes, maintenance of this position by our shipping is being found difficult."

"American ships in the Pacific are finding cargoes scarce. There is no justification for putting Japan in a more favourable shipping position than we seek for ourselves. This would surely follow if Japanese ships with low paid crews were allowed substantially to expand in the Pacific overseas trades."

Estimates in Japan say Japan had about 6,330,000 tons of merchant shipping before the war.

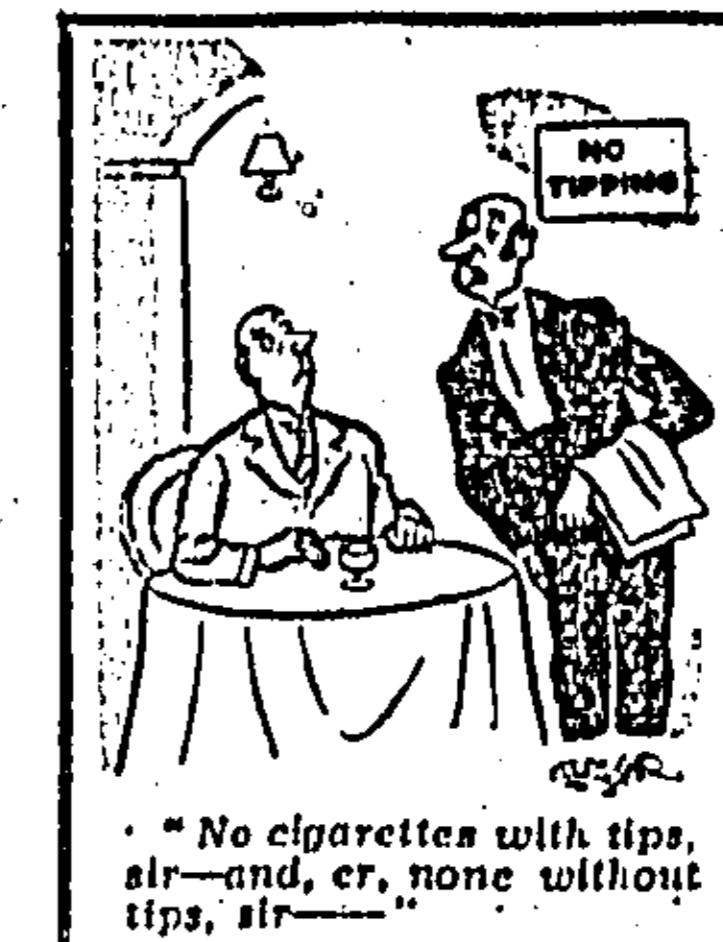
"This is a misleading statement," says the Federation. "This is a peak figure and represents a very large buildup of merchant tonnage for auxiliary war purposes by the previous Japanese government."

A 2,000-ton fleet, according to the Federation, would give Japan "greater participation in her domestic and overseas trades than is today enjoyed by the United States in our trades of similar character."



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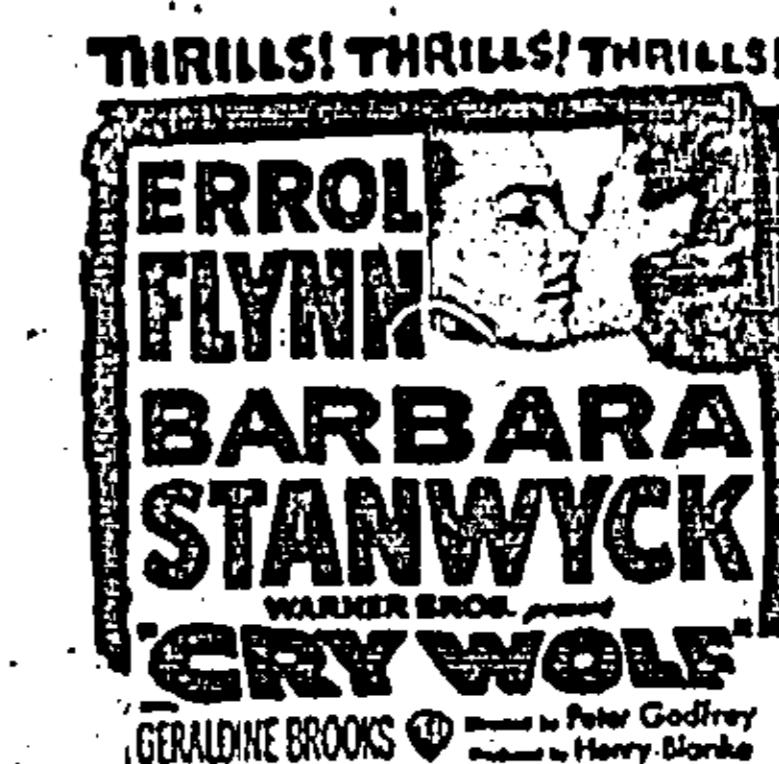
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Licensed Hotel For Non-Europeans

Cape Town, Feb. 7.—The first licensed hotel for non-Europeans in South Africa was opened here today by Mr. J. G. Carinus, Administrator of Cape Province.

He said he hoped the £80,000 hotel would be the forerunner which the non-European community needed so much.—Reuters.

CONCESSION BY CHINESE REDS

Manila, Feb. 8.—National Bureau of Investigation agents have arrested five Chinese nationals, suspected of having entered the country illegally, and three alleged con-

federates.

The arrests were made during a raid on a house in Northern Manila, believed to be an alien-smugglers' rendezvous.

The three confederates, Chinese residing in Manila, were believed to be connected with a ring of smugglers operating with the aid of an Immigration Bureau employee.

Those arrested on suspicion of illegal entry included Que Kim Han,

who was said to have arrived from Amoy last October aboard a Dutch ship and reportedly had been trying to obtain papers to legalise his stay.—United Press.

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